AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the following paragraph on page 29, beginning on line 9, with the following paragraph listed below:

Differential display

Differential display screening was performed for new candidate genes that are regulated by cholesterol loading/deloading as described [20; 21]. In brief, 0.2μg of total RNA isolated from monocytes at various incubations was reverse transcribed with specific anchored oligo-dT primers, using a commercially available kit (GeneAmp RNA PCR Core Kit, Perkin Elmer, Germany). The oligo-dT primers used had two additional nucleotides at their 3' end consisting of an invariable A at the second last position (3'-end) and A, C, G or T at the last position to allow a subset of mRNAs to be reverse transcribed. Here, a 13-mer oligo-dT (T101: 5'T11AG-2') was used in a 20-μl reaction at 2, 5 uM concentration. One tenth of the cDNA was amplified in a 20-μl PCR reaction using the same oligo-dT and an arbitrary 10-mer upstream primer (D20 5'-GATCAATCGC-3') (SEQ ID NO: 55), 2.5uM each, using 2.5 units of TAQ DNA Polymerase and 1.25 mM MgCL2. Amplification was for 40 cycles with denaturation at 94oC for 30 sec, annealing at 41°C for 1 min and elongation at 72°C for 30 sec with a 5 min extension at 72°C following the last cycle. All PCR reactions were carried out in a Perkin Elmer 9600 thermocycler (Perkin Elmer, Germany). PCR-products were separated on ready to use 10% polyacrylamide gels with a 5% stacking gel (CleanGel Large-10/40 ETC, Germany) under non-denaturating conditions using the Multiphor II

electrophoresis apparatus (Pharmacia, Germany). The DNA fragments were visualized by silverstaining of the gel as previously described [22].

Please replace the original paper Sequence Listing with the attached replacement Sequence Listing.